Village Safe Water Project Administration

FY2003 Request: \$2,007,300 Reference No: 33820

AP/AL: Appropriation Project Type: Planning

Category: Health/Safety

Location: Statewide Contact: Dan Easton

Election District: Statewide **Contact Phone**: (907)465-5135

Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Village Safe Water project administration is the operating cost of delivering Village Safe Water services to communities. These funds pay for Village Safe Water engineers and other program staff, as well as associated travel, contracts, supplies and equipment.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total	
AHFC Div Fed Rcpts G/F Match	\$501,800 \$1,505,500	\$1,506,000 \$502,000	\$1,506,000 \$502,000	\$1,506,000 \$502,000	\$1,506,000 \$502,000	\$1,506,000 \$502,000	\$501,800 \$9,035,500 \$2,510,000	
Total:	\$2,007,300	\$2,008,000	\$2,008,000	\$2,008,000	\$2,008,000	\$2,008,000	\$12,047,300	
State Match Required □ One-Time Project □ Phased Project □ On-Going Project State Match Required □ Amendment □ Mental Health Bill								

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Village Safe Water CIP Project Administration has received prior appropriations of 1,586.3 in FY 98, 1,441.0 in FY 99, 1,750.1 in FY 00, 1,862.7 in FY 01and 1,961.1 in FY 02.

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The Village Safe Water program provides technical and financial support to Alaska's smallest communities to design and construct water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Each year, grant funds are made available to the state through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) program. Those funds require the state to appropriate matching funds. Communities apply each year to the state for grants for sanitation projects. Applications are scored weighing primarily the extent to which proposed projects address critical public health needs, as well as the communities' capacity to operate and maintain the facilities. Grants are awarded to local governments for the highest ranking projects. Village Safe Water program engineers work directly with community officials to make sure that planning results in facilities that are appropriate for each community, that facilities are properly and efficiently constructed, and that state and federal grant funds are used appropriately.

This appropriation funds the cost of delivering Village Safe Water services to the communities. These funds are transferred to the operating budget as CIP receipts to pay for the Village Safe Water engineers and other program staff, as well as associated travel, contracts, supplies and equipment. Due to an increase in EPA grant funds, additional federal funds are available in FY 2003 for this appropriation. The FY 2003 request replaces state funds with federal grant funds to the extent allowed by federal law. This generates a savings of 59.3 in state funds over FY 2002 spending.

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